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- On the CIA: Ford drew cheers when he said American intelligence capability is an essential element to any real arms limitation agreements because ''we must possess the means of making sure that they are being honored.'' He added: ''Sweeping attacks; over-generalizations against our intelligence activities; jeopardize vital functions necessary to our national security. Today's sensations must not be the prelude to tomorrow's Pearl Harbor.''

- On Turkey: The only major section of his speech that did not draw applause from the Legionnaires was Ford's criticism of Congress' action in refusing to permit arms shipments to Turkey because of alleged violations of U.S. laws in its attack on Cyprus. Ford called on Congress to debate the issue again; but ''not in a climate of fire and fury.''

Ford launched his 14-hour day at a breakfast with 90 newspaper and broadcast executives from six neighboring states; discussing with them domestic and economic policy.

He disclosed that on a scheduled visit to Libby Dam in Montana next Sunday; he will meet with Donald S. MacDonald; Canada's minister of energy; mines and resources to discuss possibilities of increasing Canadian oil and natural gas exports to the United States.

During his overnight visit to Minneapolis; Ford bolstered the spirits of Republicans in a predominantly Democratic area; attending a Minneapolis fund-raising luncheon where 750 paid $10 each to hear him make a plea for party unity and efforts to woo independent voters. He also lunched with the ''Elephant Club;'' whose members have contributed at least $500 a year to the GOP.

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